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Machinery Deliveries to Albania and Hungary

- 1. "On 26 Feb 53 we loaded freight cars left the OKD engineering plant in Holice, Eastern Bohemia, by rail. The destination of the shipment was Albania. It consisted of machinery for a new distillery and for a sugar refinery. The production of this machinery had been hampered by lack of raw materials. The plans were altered several times to permit the use of materials available.
- 2. "Also in late February 1953 the OKD plant in Rolles shipped three large air-compression tanks ('vzduchojemy') to Hungary. The order had had top priority and had come lirectly through the Ministry of Engineering Industry. The Soviet Military Mission in Prague had ordered speedy delivery by the end of February at the latest. (FNU) Javurek, the director of the OKD plant in Holice, had been made personally responsible for prompt execution of the order. On 10 Feb 53 he called a conference of the production engineers and technicians at the plant. He stated that the execution of the Albanian and Hungarian orders on such short notice required extra shifts and daily overtime work, at a considerable cost in overtime wages. He noted that these Costs had to be borne by the plant and could not be charged in the price of the delivered machinery

Visit of Soviet Engineer

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- 3. "During December 1952 and January 1953, Miss Olga Dimitrijevna Zolotaryevova, a Soviet chemical engineer came to Semtin to study the technical processes used in the SYNTHESIA chemical plant. She had been sent to study particularly the production methods of the 4th Department (IV Provoz). She also lectured to Czech personnel on Soviet production methods, the organization of work competitions and the Soviet way of life. Her liaison technician and interpreter at SYNTHESIA was Engineer Ivan Bucins.
- 4. "Many experienced employees in the chemical research laboratories smiled during her lectures at the involved details of the Soviet 'reglements'; the detailed descriptions of equipment and production processes that seem vital in Soviet

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factories. The Czecha felt that qualified engineers and technicians can easily work on the basis of simple instructions and schematic production charts. However, the lack of experienced personnel in the USSR, and recently in Czechoslovakia as well, has probably necessitated the use of detailed manuals to indoctrinate short-term industrial trainees.

"The SYNTHESIA employees who worked with Miss Zolotaryevova considered her basically intelligent but felt that her training in Soviet universities and factories had left her lots to learn. She, herself, admitted at the end of her stay at SYNTHESIA that she had learned more during these two short months than during all her years in the USSR."

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